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The Board of Education should be a source of progress, not politics. Too often, self-interest hijacks real change in the policies governing our schools. Tomorrow's schools must be equipped to meet tomorrow's challenges and the needs of tomorrow's students. Now is the time to take action.

As a member of the Hawaii State Board of Education, I will work hard to raise the quality of learning in our classrooms and to ensure that every child is given a chance to succeed. Because equal opportunity means equitable funding, I will work toward a full and expedient implementation of Hawaii's weighted student formula. Yet funding is only part of the solution to Hawaii's education crisis. Schools must be given greater control of their operating budgets and must be held accountable for the funds they are given. If elected, I will support giving principals greater budgetary control and will call for the creation of an independent commission to evaluate the Department of Education's accounting system. Finally, it is time to recognize that a new generation requires a comprehensive new approach to curriculum development. For this reason, I support strengthening Hawaii's charter school law and establishing an autonomous chartering authority to oversee the creation and performance of new charter schools.

The future that has been in our sights is now within our grasp. That future demands a new standard in educational leadership that will usher in a new vision for our schools and a fierce belief in Hawaii's most precious resource – our children.